

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 825

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Orman Campbell,  
Henderson-Chester County Chamber of  
Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Dr. Orman Campbell, who was recently named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Henderson-Chester County Chamber of Commerce, an honor most befitting his many years of selfless service to the Henderson community; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award is a lifetime achievement award given to those who have made a true and lasting difference in the lives of others; this is certainly an apt description of Dr. Campbell, a World War II veteran and former optometrist who has been a conscientious, contributing citizen of Henderson for sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Orman Campbell and his twin brother, Norman, were born on August 23, 1925, in Birmingham, Alabama; the family later moved to Memphis, making their home in White Haven; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, he joined the United States Navy to serve his country, which was in the throes of World War II; eighteen-year-old Orman Campbell was stationed aboard the USS *General Harry Taylor*, a troop transport ship, from 1943 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, attaining the rank of Third-Class Petty Officer, Dr. Campbell was on the maiden voyage of the USS *General Harry Taylor* and sailed to fifty-two ports of call during his

time of service, including New Guinea, Pearl Harbor, Guam, Manila, the Panama Canal, New Caledonia, New Hebrides Islands, Saipan Harbor, various ports throughout California, the Philippine Islands, the Republic of the Marshal Islands, New York, France, and India via the Suez Canal; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to civilian life, Orman Campbell earned his doctor of optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis; he met and married the love of his life, Maerene Gary, in 1947, and the couple moved to Henderson in 1953, after stints in Bristol and Dresden; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell established his optometry practice in Henderson and provided compassionate, patient-centered care for three decades; during this time, he was active in the development and promotion of the use of contact lenses and advanced eye treatments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the services he provided as an optometrist, Dr. Orman Campbell was always active in the cultural and political activities of Henderson; he served on the County Court for several years and was integral in the building of East and West Chester schools as a member of the County Commission. He also served as the chair of the Governor's Committee to Employ the Handicapped and played the role of Abraham Lincoln during Henderson's Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Orman Campbell has the distinction of being the longest-serving member of the Chester County Lions Club; he has held membership with the club for more than sixty years, serving in a variety of capacities during this time, including King Lion; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Dr. Campbell has long been an active member of First United Methodist Church, where he served as chairman of trustees and head usher for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, after Dr. Campbell retired, he and his wife traveled the world; married for seventy years, Orman and Maerene Campbell are the proud parents of Cathy Campbell Holland and Gary Campbell; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Campbell for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Henderson; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Orman Campbell, Henderson-Chester County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year, extending to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.